

TOWN OF SILER CITY

The Siler City Downtown Advisory Committee met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 6:00pm in City Hall Courtroom with Chair Adams presiding.

DOWNTOWN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jackie Adams, Denis de St. Aubin Jr., Tim Booras, Wren Farrar, Richard Szary, Cecil Wilson & April Weaver

DOWNTOWN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Jason Hoyle

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: Planning Director Jack Meadows, and Interim Permit Specialist Justin Bridges

OTHERS PRESENT: Lauran Hoders (Past Member)

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Booras to approve the agenda, seconded by Szary, unanimously approved.

CONSENT

A motion was made by Wilson to approve the August 27, 2019 minutes, seconded by Farrar, unanimously approved.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- a) April Weaver

OLD BUSINESS

- a) **Priority List of Recommendations**
 - a) The committee was hopeful that a referendum vote on malt beverages and wine will be implemented for the public to decide upon.
 - b) The committee reviewed and discussed the order of the presentation action items. All agreed to rearrange the order of the action items for the presentation, and to separate the action/cost information so that the action items may be more clearly understood when presented.
 - c) The Committee talked about the parking sign replacements and the reason for the new three-hour parking time limit that will replace the existing two-hour limit. This allows people to have the time to enjoy downtown in a variety of ways. It was explained how those three hours allows people to visit multiple businesses while being downtown.
 - d) The committee discussed where trash cans should be placed downtown while also mentioning where the dumpsters are located.
 - e) The committee discussed crosswalk painting. It was mentioned that the town may be able to get some of this done for free.
 - f) Jack told the committee that he can handle the drafting of the commercial maintenance code, as well as the UDO amendments.
 - g) The need for bike racks downtown was mentioned.
 - h) The following is a list of the priorities that were recommended by the Committee:
 - i. Increase Façade Grant Support
 - ii. Replace existing sidewalk trash receptacles

- iii. Eliminate rolling carts on west side of the 100 blocks of North and South Chatham Ave and 100 block of West Raleigh St. where dumpsters are available
- iv. Remove storage as permissible use from the UDO for Central Business and General Commercial zoning districts
- v. Adopt commercial maintenance code
- vi. Police department is completing a redistricting map that would designate (Downtown) as a beat/sector. This will provide a full-time presence of a police officer(s) Downtown
- vii. Replace existing parking signs; change maximum time to three hours
- viii. Remove left hand turn restrictions at Chatham and Raleigh
- ix. Funding for DAC to attend training at the 2021 NC Main Street Conference
- x. Install 4-way stripe crosswalks at Chatham and 2nd/Raleigh/Beaver

NEW BUSINESS

a) Action Items

- a) Follow up Letter- Provided in English and Spanish
- b) The ABC vote is a priority. The committee discussed different ways to promote the requested public vote on the sale of malt beverages and unfortified wine on and off premises downtown.
- c) The committee discussed new budget items for replacing existing sidewalk trash receptacles, for a downtown police presence, for replacing existing parking signs, for increasing the Façade Grant support, for installing crosswalk markings and funding for the 2021 Main Street Conference. A total of approximately \$33,665 was calculated. Jack asked for a precise total by October 1st for the Town Board presentation on October 7.
- d) It was recommended that the town power wash some of the downtown sidewalks. Jackie said to put a focus on the appearance of the downtown sidewalks for next year after some discussion by all. Jack mentioned that 2013 was the last time that portions of the downtown sidewalk had been pressure washed.
- e) In October's Downtown Advisory Committee meeting it was noted that the committee should begin discussing 2020's recommendations.

FUTURE BUSINESS

Meeting Calendar: October 7 (Presentation to Town Board), October 22, November 26

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business a motion was made by Hoders to adjourn at 7:29pm, seconded by Aubin Jr. & unanimously approved.


Richard Szary, Vice Chair

ATTEST:


Justin Bridges, Interim Permit Specialist